Setting up of solar power plants in the country

3969. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to. refer to the aswer to Unstarred Quesiton No. 1451 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 1994 and state:

(a the terms and conditions laid down for the sewing up of solar power plants in the country in collaboration with the leading US companies;

(b) the details of the locations where solar power plants are to be set up; and

(c) the amount likely to be invested and to what extent the power situation will improve as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY Or NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The solar energy projects referred to in the Unstarred Question No. 1451 replied to in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 1994, pertain -to establishment of manufacturing facilities in India in the area of solar photovoltaics by US companies in collaboration with Indian companies. The Announcements! MOUs referred to in the reply do rot pertain to the establishment of solar power plants in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Performance of energy producing programmes

3970. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the performance: of the' programmes for production of energy through non-conventional energy sources implemented in Maharashtra during 1994-95, in terms of standard assessment norms, prograiame/scneme-wise;

(b) how do they compare with the performance of .the programmes reported for the previous two years;

(c) the details of allocation of funds likely to be made available lor Maharashtra for 1995-96, pro-grattnme/scheme-wisfe and alopgwith the targets set;

(d) what are the major projects under implementation financed by the World Bank/International Agency alongwith the projects completed/under execution by the private agencies; and

(e) whether it is a fact that there are a number of works which are left incomplete in rural areas and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the completion ol such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVEN-TIOAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Performance during 1994-95 & 1993-94 and 1992-93 is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) State-wise allocation of funds and targets are not made. How ever, targets for biogas and improv ed chulha for 1995-96 for the State of Maharashtra are 10,000 and 1,60,000 nos. respectively.

(d) No such major NRSE projects are under implementation in Maha rashtra as reported by the Govern ment of Maharashtra.

(e) As per the information pro-vided by the Government of Maharashtra the number of non-conventional projects/works left incomplete in the rural areas is Nil.